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Boy Scout Log Cabin
St. Michaels
Private

c. 1938

The Boy Scout log cabin, which stands in the center of St. Mary's Square, was built around 1938 for the local boy scout troop. Erected of rounded log slabs, the rectangular club house has a granite chimney stack on the north side and original fittings around the doors and windows. One of the carpenters who assisted in its construction was Josiah Fairbank, and masons, George Todd and Albert Wales, are remembered as the craftsmen who erected the granite chimney stack.

The single story club house is an interesting example of the rustic building techniques developed during the early twentieth century. These buildings were designed to imitate the appearance of a horizontal log structure since the exterior consists of round-faced log slabs attached to a tradition framework. This type of construction is relatively unusual for the Eastern Shore.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic BOY SCOUT LOG CABIN

and/or common

2. Location

street & number St. Mary's Square not for publication

city, town St. Michaels vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other: social

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Clerk of Court folio

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Boy Scout log cabin stands in the center of St. Mary's Square in St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The single-story log meeting house faces west with the main gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1938, the half-round log slab structure is supported by block piers, and it is covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof.

The west (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center double-door entrance and flanking six-pane windnows. The vertical log slab door is hung on long strap hinges. A boarded over square window opening pierces the upper gable.

The north and south sides are sides are lighted by six-pane windows that have been boarded over. Rising on the north side is an exterior granite chimney stack.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Boy Scout log cabin, which stands in the center of St. Mary's Square, was built around 1938 for the local town boy scout troop. Erected of rounded log slabs, the rectangular club house has a granite chimney stack on the north side and original fittings around the doors and windows. One of the carpenters who assisted in its construction was Josiah Fairbank, and the masons were George Todd and Albert Wales. The single-story club house is an interesting example of the rustic building techniques developed during the early twentieth century designed to imitate actual log construction. This type of building for the 1930s is relatively unusual on the Eastern Shore.

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Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone Easting Northing

The figure shows three empty coordinate axes. The first axis is labeled 'Zone' and has four tick marks. The second axis is labeled 'Easting' and has four tick marks. The third axis is labeled 'Northing' and has four tick marks.

B

Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E |

F

G

H

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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Do not have much on the log cabin.

Talked to Doug Hope who was a member of the Troop at the time it was built and by his recollection it should have been erected "about" 1938.

The materials were bought locally. Someone found out about "half-round boards" which would give a log cabin effect.

The stone masons were George Todd and Albert Wales.

Doug Hope recommended that I call his brother who lives near Chester, Virginia (804-458-4004) who helped with the construction. No answer.

The carpenter was a Josiah Fairbank. Should say "one-of-the".

Whatever design there was, was done locally.

I will try researching the newspaper for 1937-38 and see what I can come up with.

Am not certain what part of the lot(s) it occupies. It might have been part of the graveyard. It was certainly behind the Sons of Temperance Hall.

Will keep trying to get Hope in Virginia and will call you if I get anything. Ann says you will be bringing the remainder of the surveys here on Tuesday.

Bill





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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

Northwest elevation

6/89, Paul Touart, photographer

Negative/MD Historical Trust



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Front door

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